



# WEEKEND UPDATE

## A MAJOR INCIDENT REPORT FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE CHIEF DARYL L. OSBY

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July 20, 2015

This report covers major incidents occurring at all **Los Angeles County Beaches** during the period beginning on Friday, July 17, 2015, at 5:00 p.m., until Monday, July 20, 2015, at 8:00 a.m.

### LOS ANGELES COUNTY BEACHES:

**Coastal Lightning Beach closures:** On Saturday, July 18, 2015, at 7:55 a.m., County lifeguards closed all Los Angeles County (LAC) beaches as a safety precaution due to visible lightning strikes and audible thunder. County lifeguards cleared all patrons from the waters and the beaches throughout the entire shoreline, including Catalina Island. LAC beaches were reopened at 10:00 a.m., based on reports from the National Weather Service (NWS) that the next storms were still several hours out.

Later that afternoon, at 1:31 p.m., County lifeguards closed all LAC beaches for a second time due to visible lightning strikes, audible thunder, and reports of a dangerous storm from NWS. County lifeguards again cleared all patrons from the waters and beaches. After all patrons were safely cleared, lifeguards cleared all ocean lifeguard towers and relocated to available lifeguard buildings and permanent substantial structures. LAC beaches were also patrolled by County lifeguard vehicles from the time of the second closure until the beaches were re-opened at 8:00 p.m. that evening.

County Fire resources assigned to this included all available lifeguards and lifeguard units throughout the entire shoreline. Los Angeles Police Department also assisted with the beach closures.

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